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Serial No.: 09/975,642

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For: "A METHOD FOR REDUCING

CORROSION OF A HEAD ELEMENT DURING THE MANUFACTURE OF A DISK

DRIVE" (as amended)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of December 21, 2004. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,000 as the fee for the additional claims presented herein. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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